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In re patent application of:
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Total Claims	7	-	25	=	0	X	\$50.00	=	0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	X	\$200.00	=	0.00
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This communication is submitted in response to the January 24, 2006 Final Office Action ("Office Action"). A response is due April 24, 2006 and this initial response is filed before two months after the mailing of the Final Office Action. See MPEP 714.13. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The Amendments are submitted solely to place the present application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal.

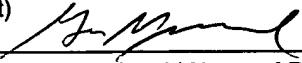
The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendments to the specification;
2. Amendments to the Drawings;
3. Amendments to the claims; and
4. Remarks.

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